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The meeting was called to order at 10.45 a.m.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF THE 1993 COORDINATION SEGMENT OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO (i) THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE: EMERGENCY RELIEF AND THE CONTINUUM TO REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (E/1994/L.16)

Draft decision E/1994/L.16

Mr. BAILLARGEON (Canada), introducing the draft decision, said that it was designed to provide further information on the rapid response coordination problem and on the status of the Central Emergency Revolving Fund (CERF). It echoed paragraph 8 and referred to paragraphs 11 and 13 of the General Assembly resolution 48/57 on strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations. Unfortunately, those paragraphs had not been fully implemented. The draft decision was procedural in nature and a final version would be submitted following consultations later in the week.

ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS: REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES, CONFERENCES AND RELATED QUESTIONS (continued) (E/1994/L.20)

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Draft decision E/1994/L.20

Mr. AMAZIANE (Observer for Morocco) introduced the draft decision on behalf of its sponsors. The first session of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean had been held in Morocco in 1990 and the second, in Senegal in 1992. Unfortunately, for reasons beyond the control of the States participating in the Conference, the third session, scheduled to take place in Cape Verde in 1993, had been postponed to November 1994. The draft decision was intended to ensure the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the activities of the Conference would be considered at the Council's substantive session of 1995. As the draft was purely procedural in nature, the sponsors hoped that it would be adopted by consensus.

COORDINATION OF UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HIV/AIDS (continued) (E/1994/L.18)

Draft resolution on the joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (E/1994/L.18)

Mr. NOBLE (Canada) introduced the draft resolution on behalf of its sponsors, which had been joined by Algeria, Belgium, Chile, Costa Rica, France, Gabon, Greece, Italy, New Zealand, the Philippines, Portugal, the Russian Federation and Spain. The draft resolution was the result of extensive consultations among many delegations representing all regional groups and a series of discussions with the six co-sponsoring agencies, which had worked very hard to develop the initiative. The starting point for their work had been the establishment of the Inter-Agency Working Group, shortly after the adoption of World Health Assembly resolution WHA 46.37 in May 1993 calling for a study to be undertaken on the feasibility and practicability of establishing a joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS. After the Executive Board of WHO had endorsed the proposed programme in January 1994, the Inter-Agency Working Group had begun laying the groundwork.

He drew attention to paragraphs 1 and 2 of the draft resolution, which urged endorsement of the joint and co-sponsored programme by the Council and its full implementation by the organizational session of the Council in 1996; and to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8, which stressed the priority given to country-level activities while maintaining the HIV/AIDS activities already being implemented by the co-sponsors. The fundamental characteristics of the programme were described in an annex. The draft resolution stressed that the programme was a truly co-owned endeavour to which the co-sponsoring agencies were equally committed and in which they shared responsibility. As the organizational structure, staffing and funding of the programme remained to be finalized, paragraph 4 of the resolution called for the immediate transformation of the Inter-Agency Working Group into a formally constituted committee of co-sponsoring organizations in order to facilitate the transition to full implementation of the joint and co-sponsored programme.

The meeting rose at 11 a.m.